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RE: KALW 91.7 FM
MB Docket # 04 191

Dear Secretary:

Please renew the broadcasting license for KALW - a public radio station which is based in the San Francisco schools. The community has supported this station for many years and we really appreciate the information, the format, the many programs that we get by listening to this station.

KALW is especially important because people - parents, faculty, community members - can listen every week to the school board meetings and get information available nowhere else about issues affecting their schools and their children. Schools and education are of paramount importance to all of us. I'm sure you can understand how much we value this service.

KALW also provides news from England, news from Canada, and news from the U.S. An informed populace is necessary to maintain a democracy. You surely support having a democracy in this country. In your service to this country and its democracy, you would also want KALW and other stations like it to continue broadcasting.

The idea that the airwaves can be sold - for a lot of money - to people who have a lot of money does not appeal to those of us who pay taxes, work hard, and can't afford to buy a radio station. We depend upon the radio, the TV, and the Internet, for information, for news and for differing viewpoints on issues of great importance.

Thank you for renewing the license of this excellent station. (It also has wonderful music programs).

Yours truly,

Jessie Ortiz

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